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DONALD H. NELSON, DIRECTOR

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June 18, 1998

Rick Breitenbach  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 9th Street, Suite 1155  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: CALFED Bay-Delta Program EIR/EIS

Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

The City of Thousand Oaks appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The City purchases treated water from the Calleguas Municipal Water District, a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Since virtually all of our water supply is imported from Northern California through the State Water Project, the City has great interest in Bay/Delta issues and the outcome of the CALFED process.

The City wishes to reiterate the comments provided to you by our water supplier, Calleguas MWD. First and foremost, a truly reliable supply of high quality water must be provided. In light of growing concern over water quality issues, particularly total dissolved solids, chloride, total organic carbon and bromide levels, the CALFED solution must ensure improved water quality for drinking water consumption, groundwater recharge and recycled water programs. Absent any water quality improvements, urban water suppliers will have few, if any alternatives to investing hundreds of millions of dollars in advanced treatment technologies as more stringent regulations are promulgated. The consumers will ultimately pay for the massive cost of these treatment upgrades through increases in wholesale and retail water rates.

With respect to the various alternatives, Alternative No. 3 is the most suitable option for achieving all of CALFED's objectives: Environmental restoration, water supply reliability, water quality improvements and levee system integrity. Alternative No. 3, as compared to Alternatives No. 1 and No. 2, would:

- Maximize water circulation within the Delta
- Minimize diversion effects on fisheries
- Improve export water quality
- Provide increased water supply opportunities and greater operational flexibility

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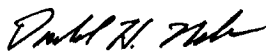
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Finally, the allocation of costs for the various elements of a CALFED solution must be equitable. The financial burden should not be placed entirely on urban water agencies. All parties involved should be expected to pay their fair share for benefits received.

Again, the City of Thousand Oaks appreciates the opportunity to comment on this vitally important process.

Sincerely,



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c: Donald R. Kendall, Calleguas MWD

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